(b) whether Government are satisfied with the pace of investment in 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(c) if not, what are the steps being taken to accelerate the pace of capital formation in this vital sector?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The investment in Railway sector is indicated in the statement attached. *(See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) With severe restrictions on additional internal generation of resources, dwindling Budgetary support and increasing subsidy for public service obligations, Railways is facing resource crunch to increase the pace of investment. In order to accelerate the pace of capital formation, certain schemes like Build-Own-Lease-Transfer (BOLT), Own your Wagon Scheme (OYWS) and Build-Own-Operate (BOO) have been taken up. Also efforts are being made to get increased budgetary support to the Railways.

Statement

Trend of investment in the Railway Sector

	1995-96 Actual (Rs. crores)	%age	1996-97 RE (Rs. crores)	%age	1997-98 BE (Rs. crores)	%age
Internal Generation	4,210	65%	4,401	53%	3,419	41%
Budgetary Support	1,140	18%	1,439	17%	1,831	22%
Market Borrowing	1,118	17%	2,460	30%	3,050	37%
TOTAL	6,468	100%	8,300	100%	8,300	100%

Norms for issuing Railway passes on discretion

1234. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any standard/norms have been prescribed for issuing passes on the discretion of the Minister of Railways and by the Minister of State for Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such passes issued by the Minister during June, 1996—June, 1997, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Complimentary Card Passes are issued at the personal discretion of the Minister of Railways, to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities etc. Besides, cheque passes for specific journeys, are issued in deserving cases with the approval of Minister of Railways or Minister of State for Railways or Members of Railway Board.

(c) (i) AT MR's discretion
Complimentary Card Pass 278
Complimentary Cheque Pass 4842

(ii) AT MOS (R)'D discretion Complimentary Cheque Pass 2520 Information, State-wise, is not maintained.

Development of Railways in Kerala

1235. SHRI M.A.BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made in the Budget for the development of Railways in Kerala during the last five years;

(b) the allocation in each budget and the amount spent against them since 1992-93 onwards;

(c) the amount lapsed/unutilised in each financial year mentioned above; and

(d) what did the railways do with the unutilised amount?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The details of budget allocation, expenditure and amount lapsed/unutilised is as follows:-

Year	Budget allocated	Expenditure	Amount Lapsed/ Unutilised	Remarks
1992-93	483825	327421	(+)343596	
1993-94	302367	339786	(+)37419	
1994-95	369982	472705	(+)102723	
1995-96	329265	683180	(−)146085	Due to non-availability of labour, stores etc.
1996-97	1060352	1023896	(−)36456	Due to delay in land acquisition in respect of Kuttipuram-Calicut doubling.

(d) The unutilised funds were surrendered by Southern Railway.

Chemist Stalls at Railway platforms

1236. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of additional items permitted for sale at chemist stalls in Railway Platforms for making them commercially viable; and

(b) what are the details with the names of stations where Chemist stalls have been provided up to December, 1996 in different Zones of Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The additonal items such as soap, detergents, toothpastes, jams and squashes, threptin biscuits, Horlicks, Bournvita, Ovaltin, Chocolates, Ayurvedic medicines, Cosmetic items etc. are permitted for sale at the chemist stalls on Railway platforms.

(b) A statement is attached. (*See* below)